

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
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Title: Microgel And External Compositions Containing The Same

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, please undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite Claims 4, 5, 8 and 12-14 as follows:

Please substitute the amended claims 4, 5, 8, and 12-14 for the original claims 4, 5, 8 and 12-14:

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4. (Amended) A microgel as described in claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic compound capable of forming a gel is one or more hydrophilic compounds selected from the group consisting of agar, carrageenan, curdlan, gelatin, gellan gum, and alginic acid.

5. (Amended) A microgel as described in claim 1, which has a viscosity of 2,000-1,000,000 mPa.s (B-type viscometer, 25°C).

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8. (Amended) An external composition comprising a microgel of claim 1.